

Plans ahead on fish & game borders

FISH HATCHERY

Midway Fish Hatchery, operated by the Utah Department of Fish and Game, began in 1909 as a private trout farm and has grown from that time to its present importance in the sports picture of eastern Utah.

The hatchery ground was homesteaded by James B. Hamilton in 1876 and from then until 1909 was used for farming. The Provo Valley Trout Company purchased the land. They also purchased the water right to the spring that headed in the John Murri property. The water was dammed up at intervals to raise fish. A home was built near the stream and eight fish runs were also constructed by Joseph Nelson and Mr. Erickson.

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At the Fish Hatchery, Max North says "The little fish are doing fine. I have not seen a sandhill crane winter over this winter. There are several robins that have returned." Betty North say one and was disappointed that she didn't have colored film in her camera. She also saw a nest of bald eagles.

Jay and Becky Price have their fourth child, a beautiful baby boy who was born Mon. Feb. 18 in Provo. He weighed 10 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 inches in length. Cory James Price has a sister Angela and brothers Jason and Casey to love and care for him.

Lowell Coleman is in the hospital due to a fall while shoveling snow from his home.

IN THE SWEAT OF THY FACE . . .

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In 1912 the Wasatch Trout Company purchased the hatchery and operated it until 1916 when John and William L. Van Wagoner bought the site and began regular marketing of fish to miners near Midway and Park City. George Van Wagoner and Bliss Titus cared for the plant.

The Van Wagoners operated the hatchery until 1921 when a private club, the Timpanogos Rod Club, under the direction of E. M. Bagley, president, purchased the property. The hatchery business was closed down and the streams used as fishing waters for club members only.

The State Fish and Game department leased the hatchery land in 1924 and began a long range program to improve the facilities. Cement runs, large ponds and streams and living facilities for those who operate the hatchery have been constructed. In 1939 Alma Durtschi and Angus Thacker patented a revolving screen to separate fish and keep them in their respective streams. In five months of operation the hatchery produced more than 5,000,000 trout annually for stocking rivers and lakes in the area. The fish are transported in special trucks to the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers, Provo and south fork of the Provo River, Weber River, Wolf Creek, Deer Creek, Wanship Reservoir, Deer Creek Reservoir, Strawberry Lake, Moon Lake and a few of the Grandaddy lakes.

Though no records were kept, it is believed that the following have supervised the hatchery since 1909: Elmer Madsen, George Van Wagoner, Bliss Titus, Obrem Barrett, Henry Scheuller, Ben Butler, George Cox and David E. Wright. The hatchery is state owned and operated and is reported to be one of the largest and best hatcheries in the country.

Midway Hatchery Stocking Report

25 June 1987

Areas stocked from June 23-29:

North Fork Duchesne, 2,000; Moon Lake, 4,000; Little Deer Creek, 500; Daniels Creek, 1,000; Creamery Ditch, 500; Provo River below Olm-

stead Diversion, 1,000; Tibble Fork, 1,000; Mill Creek, 1,500; Chalk Creek, 1,000; Wellsville Reservoir, 2,000; Weber River, 500; Ogden River, 1,000; Laketown Canyon, 750; Big Creek, 1,000; and Woodruff Creek, 1,000.

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23 July 1987

Wave
The following numbers of approximately one-third pound fish were stocked during the period of July 14 through July 20:

Provo River, 1,500; Mill Hollow, 1,500; Big Cottonwood, 1,750; Currant Creek, 2,200; Daniel's Creek, 500; Weber River, 2,000; Smith and

Morhouse, 1,000; Chalk Creek, 1,000; Lost Creek, 500; Wellsville Reservoir, 2,000; Farmington Reservoir, 1,000; Odgen River, 1,500; Twenty-first Street Pond, 1,000; Laketown Canyon Creek, 750; Bear River, 500; Woodruff Creek, 500; Box Elder Creek, 500.

Annual Fish Hatchery Tour Announced For May 21

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The Annual Fish Hatchery Tour will be held Sunday, May 21, sponsored by the Salt Lake County Fish and Game Association.

You are invited to come and tour Kamas and Midway hatcheries and also enjoy a free lunch. Come and have fun and learn about some of Utah's fish and wildlife.

The schedule is as follows:

10 a.m.-11 a.m. Tour Kamas Hatchery.

11:30 a.m. Travel to Midway hatchery.

12 noon-1 p.m. Free lunch at Midway hatchery.

1 p.m.-3 p.m. Tour of Midway hatchery.

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